

TRANSMITTAL LETTER FOR BOARD MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 5, 2024

COMMITTEE ON INDUSTRIAL WASTE AND WATER POLLUTION

Mr. Brian A. Perkovich, Executive Director

..Title

Request Authority to Amend the Chemical Toilet Waste Disposal Ordinance of the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago

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Dear Sir:

An in-house review of the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago's (District) Chemical Toilet Waste Disposal Ordinance (Ordinance) by the Monitoring and Research Department established the need to amend certain provisions of the Ordinance. It is recommended that the Board of Commissioners (Board) consider the adoption of the revised Ordinance at the regular Board Meeting on September 5, 2024.

The amendments to the Ordinance are proposed as follows:

1. The overall formatting and organization have been modified to mirror the Environmental Protection Agency's Model Pretreatment Ordinance, including the addition of an Enforcement Response Plan.
2. Section 1 consolidates the general provisions into subsections, purpose, policy, objectives, administration, and definitions, as previously detailed in different sections of the Ordinance.
3. Section 2 has been renamed "Prohibitions and Limitations" to consolidate information regarding prohibited discharges and limitations previously detailed in different section of the Ordinance.
4. Section 3 has been changed to "Procedures and Program Requirements" to consolidate information about the Program's procedures and requirements. This section now includes information for insurance requirements, rules, regulations, and a new subsection regarding the District's right to monitor for compliance via sampling.
5. Section 4 has been modified to reflect that Chemical Toilet Waste Disposal Permits will designate procedures, while the Ordinance will designate the rules and regulations.
6. Section 5, subsection (c) has been removed from the Ordinance to reduce unnecessary additional administrative efforts and subsection(b) has been modified to reflect changes to normal working days and hours.
7. Section 6 has been amended to update fees and charges related to the administration and costs of operating the Program, and the change from a coupon to direct billing process.
8. Section 7 contains an Enforcement Response Plan which is necessary to meet the objectives of this Ordinance.
9. Section 8 has been split into two subsections, "Prohibited Discharges and Limitations", and the following subsections have been removed: (d), (e), (f), (h), (i). These subsections were removed because the specific prohibitions are further covered in Section 2.1.A and the definition of "Chemical Toilet". These prohibitions are further covered in Section 2.1.C under the Illinois Administrative Code Title 77, Section 905.170 and 905.135.
10. Section 9 has been combined with Section 6.

Attached is the amended "Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago's Chemical Toilet Waste Disposal Ordinance, As Amended September 5, 2024." It is recommended that the Board adopt the proposed Ordinance, as herein amended. The Ordinance, as amended, will take effect on September 5, 2024.

Requested, Edward W. Podczerwinski, Director of Monitoring and Research, EWP:JW:MG:tj

Susan T. Morakalis, General Counsel

Jacqueline Torres, Clerk/Director of Finance

Disposition of this agenda item will be documented in the official Regular Board Meeting Minutes of the Board of Commissioners for September 5, 2024

Attachments